

## News from the Social Justice

### Council (SJC)



### **April Special Plate/Outreach Collection: Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF)** — The Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF)

was founded in 1991 by concerned humanitarians in the United States. It provides free medical care to thousands of injured and ill children yearly who lack local access to care within their local health care system in Gaza and the West Bank. Thousands of affected children have been sent abroad for free medical care and thousands of international doctors and nurses have provided free medical care in local hospitals in Gaza and the West Bank. Additionally, at present, PCRF is supporting and providing aid to children in Gaza who have lost one or both parents in the war and children who have been injured themselves.

PCRF has received four stars from Charity Navigator, which is the highest possible ranking. Given the tragic situation in Gaza, the Social Justice Council encourages our members and friends to support this month's special plate. ***Additionally, a member of our congregation has offered to match contributions up to \$1,000.*** We also will have representatives from the PCRF's Team Boston with us at the April 27 service. You may learn more about PCRF at [PCRF](#).

Donations can be made as part of the special plate collection in the Meeting House on Sunday, April 27, or at anytime throughout the month through the Old Ship website. Click the donate button and then designate your donation for the Outreach Offering: PCRF. Thanks in advance for your support of this important work that puts our values out into the world.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our February outreach collection for HEET. We sent them a donation of \$702.33. Thanks for supporting this important expression of our UU values!

**UU Mass Action Advocacy Day** — Upset about current affairs? Wish there were something you could do? There IS! Join Ellie Handleman and lots of other UUs for Mass Advocacy Day on April 8. This takes a bit of time, but UU Mass Action does ALL the leg work. They gather all the information we need and deliver it clearly, so that we can be

prepared to meet, via Zoom (you don't have to travel into Boston), with state senators and state representatives to advocate for legislation on topics like Climate and Environmental Justice, Indigenous Justice, Economic and Housing Justice, Decarceration and End Solitary Confinement, and Immigrant Justice. Catch Ellie to discuss at coffee hour, or email ([ellie@thehandlemans.org](mailto:ellie@thehandlemans.org)) or call (781-985-9593) her, she'd love to answer your questions.

**Anti-Racism/Social Justice Drop In Book Group next meeting on April 20 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom** — We will be discussing *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper* by Heather McGhee. This is the book Rev. Carie recommended during her Martin Luther King, Jr. Service in January. Davalene Cooper will lead the discussion. Here is the Zoom link for the book group

discussion: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87694841119?pwd=SqKhenxztjZ914Va9ayTrsAlTWSNbm.1>

**Hingham Food Pantry** — This month, the food pantry is running low on the following items and has asked us to consider donating these specific foods: cookies, rice side dishes, crackers, and pasta sauce. Items may be donated each week during Sunday services at the Meeting House or dropped off anytime the office is open at 14 Main Street. There also are drop off boxes for the food pantry at Stop & Shop (near the Beal Street Entrance/Exit), at Jack Conway and at Coldwell Banker. Thanks to everyone who supports our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. We have noticed an increase in donations on Sunday morning--we are grateful, as is the food pantry!

**All Church Read and Discussion: *Authentic Selves: Celebrating Trans and Nonbinary People and Their Families*** — This important and interesting book has been selected by the UUA as a Common Read for Congregations during this church year. The SJC invites everyone to read the book and attend an in-person or Zoom discussion in June as part of Pride Month. Rev. Carie also will be discussing the book in one of her sermons or reflections that same month. The book is available from bookstores, including online ones. You may learn more about the book at [inSpirit: UUA Bookstore and Gift Shop: Authentic Selves](#).

**UU Urban Ministry News** —

*Community Conversations: Revolution Today & Tomorrow (RYP Takeover)* on April 3, from 6-7 p.m. in Zoom. Join the students from Roxbury Youth Programs (RYP) as they welcome special guests to discuss how youth can be the changemakers of today and in the future. Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83898583031>.

*The Roxbury Collaborative Presents: Roxbury Patriots Day!* This event is at the UUUM, 10 Putnam Street, Roxbury, and begins at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, April 21. Join others for the reenactment of William Dawes ride from Roxbury to warn the American colonists that the British were coming, a free buffet breakfast, historic talks, and even a historic trolley ride! All events are free and open to the public. See the schedule at [Roxbury Patriots' Day](#).

*29th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace:* The Mother's Day Walk for Peace is a beloved Boston tradition honoring the lives of our loved ones who have been murdered. It is the [Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's \(LDBPI\)](#) largest fundraising event to grow and sustain our services, advocacy and training. Members of Old Ship have marched in the walk in the past. If you would like to walk or organize an Old Ship team, you may find more information, [CLICK HERE](#) to find a team or to register as an individual to walk on May 12th.

### **Join the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Resistance Network!**

UUSC is building power to resist authoritarianism. The fight for human rights has never been more urgent, and we refuse to be silent. The UUSC Resistance Network is a rapid mobilization hub—uniting people of faith and conscience to take action when civil liberties, democracy, and human rights are under attack. In the coming weeks, we will: 1) Feature stories of resistance from frontline communities and faith leaders, 2) Share which bills UUSC is watching and how to influence them, 3) Expand our resource library with knowledge, tools, and training, and 4) Mobilize for urgent actions in response to the Trump administration. Click here to join this network: [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee | Action Center](#).

